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In the Drawings

Responding to the Examiner's noted deficiencies in the figures, please cancel originally filed FIG. 1A1 and FIG. 3. Please enter the enclosed replacement pages for those figures.

Applicants alert the Examiner that FIG. 3 includes highlighting of various segments of the sequence shown.

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8.(original) A method of producing a protein, comprising culturing the cell of Claim 6 under conditions permitting expression of a polypeptide encoded by said nucleic acid.

9.(original) The method of Claim 8 further comprising purifying the polypeptide from the cell or the medium of the cell.

10.(original) An isolated nucleic acid comprising a sequence according to SEQ ID NO:1 or a degenerate variant thereof that encodes a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:3.

11-27.(cancelled)

Remarks

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's careful review of the application and submit the following remarks in support of the patentability of the pending claims.

Applicants have enclosed substitute Sequence Listings in both paper copy and computer readable format. The substitutes now include the short primer sequences noted by the Examiner not to have been originally included in the Sequence Listings.

The brief description of FIGS. 1A1 and 1A2 has been corrected.

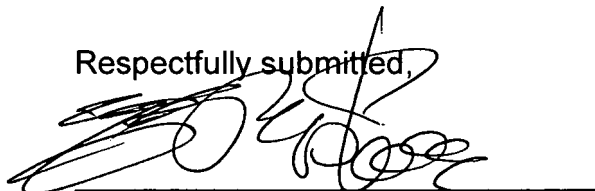
Replacement sheets are enclosed for FIGS. 1A1 and 3.

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Applicants have cancelled the rejected claims without prejudice in order to expedite the remaining prosecution of the present application. All pending claims stand allowed.

Accordingly, having addressed all of the Examiner's concerns and cancelled the rejected claims, Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request such action from the Examiner. However, if the further prosecution of the application may be aided by a conference, Applicants respectfully requests that counsel be contacted by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,



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